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SUBJECT: MBFR: INFORMING ALLIES OF OPTION III STATUS

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1. AS ANTICIPATED REFTTEL, BRITISH EMBASSY (MAKINS) CALLED UNDER INSTRUCTION MARCH 27 AND POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS GROWING INTEREST AND CONCERN IN BRUSSELS ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN WASHINGTON ON OPTION III. HE SUGGESTED THAT US MAKE KNOWN IN A LOW-KEY WAY THAT OPTION IS UNDER STUDY,

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AND THAT US EXPECTS TO CONSULT ALLIES SOON. FCO ALSO BE-

LIEVES IT HELPFUL TO ADD POINT ABOUT OPTION III BEING SAME
OPTION WITH WHICH ALLIES ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR, I.E., CON-
TENT HAS NOT CHANGED.

2. SUGGEST, AFTER CHECKING WITH YOUR UK AND GERMAN COL-
LEAGUES TO ENSURE UNIFORM LINE, YOU BRIEF SYG LUNS ALONG
FOLLOWING LINE: US HAS BEEN GIVING ATTENTION TO OPTION III
PAST FEW MONTHS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PRELIMINARY CONSUL-
TATIONS IN THIS AREA WITH THE UK AND FRG. US STUDIES ARE
NOT YET COMPLETED. WHEN THEY ARE, WE WILL INITIATE CONSUL-
TATIONS IN NAC. YOU MAY ADD THAT OPTION III PACKAGE BEING
CONSIDERED IS SAME AS WAS MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD
TO NAC IN JUNE 1973. WE WILL KEEP LUNS FULLY INFORMED.

3. YOU SHOULD THEN TAKE SAME LINE WITH ALLIED PERMREPS.
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